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For: IMAGE CODING DEVICE AND METHOD OF IMAGE CODING

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of thirty-five (35) pages
- Seven (7) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
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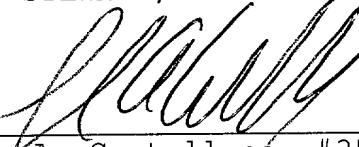
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